

Saturday October 11th

ROUND 1

Doncaster

Almost a perfect day to start the season, with little or no wind and the temperature about right! Collingwood welcomed a number of new members having their first start in the black and white. It is great to have **Mia Roux, Christina Dawson, Crystal Brazilek, Leah** and **Ethan Wright, Thomas Henry** and **Dale Carroll** with us in our endeavours. Apart from this group we also had **Zoe Cornell, Soul Suzuki** and **Lachlan Sayer** all having their first summer run after joining up for the recently completed winter season.

Our first week turn up of over 60 athletes was promising, but it was very disappointing to see so few senior athletes at Doncaster. Yes – the Melbourne Marathon was on the next day but there should have been more!

The day got off to a flying start with the Magpies having a field day in the steeple. We had the first four home in the U/18 event along with the winner of the open men as well as the 40+ men. **Jesse Frost, Tom Hall, Adam Garganis** and **Matthew Newton** made up the under's grade with **Jacob Barnes** and **Malcolm Campbell** filling the other two aforementioned spots respectively. **Jack Sayer** (U/16) had his first ever go at the event and looked all right too!

Our walkers were prominent as well. It was great to see **Michelle Laufer** back in good form after a terrible run with injuries last season. Michelle must be feeling pretty good as she managed quite a few other events as well. After a terrific winter of long road walking events **Adam Garganis** is obviously very fit. With only a very short break after the steeple, Adam then belted around the 2k walk. **Bobby Gardiner** is back for his 107th season (really only 61st!) and looks as good as ever. **Ross Reid** and **David Smyth** also flew the colours, along with **Clare Garganis** and **Heather Jarvis**. Without doubt the big improver in our walking ranks is **Thomas Dawson** who continues to improve nearly every time he takes to the track.

Our group of pole vaulters continue to score big points for the Club. Three of our newcomers, **Crystal Brazilek** and **Leah** and **Ethan Wright**, all showed that they will be prominent in this event throughout the season as well as showing their talents in other areas. Despite only being an under 16, Leah looks like it is only a matter of time before she claims all the discus records up to and including the open mark!

Dale Carroll walked in to the clubrooms a couple of weeks ago and suggested he might like to have a run. After his 4:25 effort in the under 16 1500 metres we are certainly happy with his decision. **Soul Suzuki** in the same event, but one age group down, also confirmed the promise shown during the winter season when he gave the 5 minute barrier a big fright.

Our team of under 14 girls filled the first three placings in their 1500. Led home by **Amy Cornell** in a new Club record, first timer **Mia Roux** and pocket rocket 10 year old **Zoe Cornell** both showed lots of promise for the future.

Thomas Henry showed a bit of form in his first outing and with a solid 100m and a promising long jump. He's keen to get to the high jump next week! The last of our debutantes, **Christina Dawson** has had a ball trying out a few different things. Another of our athletes to still have a couple of years to go in this age group, Christina is going to earn some very valuable points for the club.

